

## Vile 541

### Chapter 541 Soul Sense and Sins Series Abilities

When Lily realized what had happened, she also realized the fact that she had messed up with the wrong man. No artifact was worth this trouble.

"You.... You ... cough... knew we were coming. You baited us."

Lily said in a weak voice. One of the assassin class' weaknesses was most of her camouflage spells couldn't get cast until she lost any physical contact with the other ranker. Her physical stats weren't strong enough to battle with Tuan. Plus, the battle with Tuan's animated snakes wasn't exactly a breeze for her either. That battle had already taken a toll on her.

With that threat of getting kicked out of competition or life looming over her head, Lily decided to make a deal with the devil.

"Sp... spare us. We won't bother you again. Cough... I'm sure you wouldn't want anything to do with us. But I'll say it anyway. If you want, we can still help clear any big monster nest... cough...."

Tuan tightened the grip around Lily some more before speaking up.

"I don't need your help. I only need the Titus points you collected so far."

Saying this, Tuan looked into Lily's eyes coldly. But before he could get his hands on her wristband, he felt something dangerous coming for him.

Wilder had lost himself to his rage once again. This time it was disastrous for both him and his competitor. Because this time, the barbarian didn't even have a shred of control over himself.

Wilder was prone to feats of anger and rage because of his class. And getting played by Tuan like this certainly didn't sit well with him. Add to that the effects of the sonic bullets fired at him by his own raid partner and his new injuries that piled on his previous ones. The result of this cocktail of emotions brewed by such events could only end up making him angrier than he ever was.

Tuan saw the lost-in-barbarian-rage Wilder up close when he approached him again. The barbarian's stature as well as the muscle mass of his body had enlarged due to his rage state. His skin had become red and flaky like that of a reptile. All of his physical stats had been boosted to another level.

"Wilder... no.... Cough... run, Tuan. He might kill us both before dying himself later."

Lily remembered Wilder discussing his class attributes along with his own experiences. Lily and Ketsu had both been warned about something like this. He told them that they should prioritize their safety and leave the fights they were in, in case this happens.

Tuan's first instinct after seeing Wilder's condition was to throw Lily at him before bolting from the scene along with Katalina.

But then something in his head told him to hold his ground. He did not see the need to be afraid of someone unable to control their emotions and bodies by losing themselves in a fit of rage.

This was something coming from the deepest layer of the butcher's consciousness.

Tuan also felt that if he acted on his first instinct and ran away from the scene, he might get away from Wilder. He would also be able to maintain his distance from him using various means. But he would lose an opportunity to have something much more precious than the tournament's reward.

So he decided to stay. He looked at the approaching opponent with nonchalance. With eyes that didn't have any hint of fear or doubts about himself.

Ohm!

Tuan suddenly felt like he was listening to white noise without stepping into a stagnant world. The world around him started exploding with colors. The world came alive in his head and started telling him things about itself he didn't know it had or knew about.

Another sign of soul sense awakening was manifested at the time.

This time, Tuan didn't feel like he had lost control over his body. It was more akin to him gaining unlimited sets of limbs that kept getting stretched in every possible direction.

Then he felt some obstructions while feeling the world around him. There were a few objects or beings that he couldn't perceive with his newfound sense easily. Therefore, he used his soul sense to forcefully breach all the restrictions which held him back. Subconsciously, he only wanted to know about those things that were trying to remain a mystery.

This "something" was Wilder and all the other rankers around him. Lily wasn't spared by Tuan's immature soul sense either.

After being hit by Tuan's soul sense, Wilder lost all his anger in one go. It was then replaced by fear and survival instinct.

"Aaaaaaaah... stay... stay away... I.... I am sorry."

Wilder's wilderness was zapped away when he was pulled out of his rage state. He quickly regained his composure before getting down on his knees just a few meters away from Tuan.

Wilder didn't want to stay there of course. But he had lost control over all his limbs. It was as if his soul was finding it difficult to control its natal vessel because of the interference from a foreign soul which was more powerful.

Lily had it much more difficult. She lost control of her consciousness and fainted after being affected by Tuan's soul sense. Her eyeballs were moving inside her shut eyelids, a testament to her suffering from some sort of shock. Possibly nightmares.

Katalina and Ketsu were also affected by Tuan's soul sense since they too were within its range. Katalina wasn't negatively affected by the soul sense since his hostility wasn't directed at her. But she felt like she was being read like an open book by the soul sense.

Ketsu had it much better than his raid partners. He was already suffering while lying on the ground because of Wilder's attack. So when the soul sense hit him, he only felt irrational fear towards Tuan apart from losing control over his mana circuits that were already overburdened, to begin with. He also felt uncontrollable rage towards Lily and Wilder.

It was apparent that Tuan's soul sense was carrying residual effects of his Sins series abilities. But since he had done it subconsciously, he wasn't in control of its effects.

Tuan could also subconsciously realize that these weren't activations of his abilities. But more like imprinting other existences with his own marks of Sins. His own definition of Sins. Of course, these marks didn't replicate the original effects completely and couldn't be called permanent. But those effects were substantial in their intensity for the time being.

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Team Lily's resistance was abruptly destroyed by Tuan's soul sense manifesting all of a sudden. Even Kat took a while to realize that she didn't have to fight anymore. She had also been affected by Tuan's soul sense. But unlike Lily's team, her emotions weren't altered.

"What... what did you do?"

With a voice coated in vigilance, the wind-element ranker appeared beside her raid partner. Her eyes looked at him and everything around them with caution as she did that.

Tuan's second sign of the soul sense awakening was brief as well. This time, he wasn't as stunned or surprised after it was finished as in his previous incident. He let go of Lily's neck, making her fall to the ground like a corpse getting dropped. He then dusted his hands before responding to Kat's question nonchalantly.

"Nothing really. Let's just say that these pests were taught a lesson by me."

Chapter 542 Preparing for the Showdown

"What... What do you want from us?"

Lily asked while remaining on her knees. Wilder and Ketsu had both followed her example. Wilder was the most scared looking at the devil in front of him. After all, he was greatly affected by Tuan's soul sense.

Wilder could feel subconsciously that Tuan was no human. Or at least not the normal human he was appearing to be.

Tuan looked at the trio kneeling in front of him with a blank look on his face. Most of what happened after his second sign of awakening became a blur to him. So he was still processing those feelings in his mind.

"Hm? What can you offer me? Just hand over the Titus point and get kicked out of the competition peacefully."

After completing his thoughts, Tuan spoke. Lily looked at her raid partners when she heard Tuan talk about their retirement from the competition so casually. Both Wilder and Ketsu nodded their heads. They felt inherent fear towards Tuan because of the residual effect of his soul sense still fresh on their souls.

Plus, Tuan's existence had become too special for his soul sense to be categorized as normal. Plus, soul sense awakening was already rare, to begin with. His half-blood powers and Sins series abilities had inadvertently affected his soul sense as well.

So while Wilder and Ketsu feared Tuan thinking that he would be extremely dangerous if he were angered by them, Lily felt an unnatural pull towards him. There was a nagging voice in her head telling her to approach him with a fresh start. The assassin also found it weird that she didn't feel anger towards the fire-element ranker despite him slapping her ass so hard and treating her so badly.

But before Lily's team could commit to her exit from the competition, someone else spoke to Tuan in his mind.

'I like your plan to end the tournament the way you want, Tuan. I think you should include them in that plan.'

Alephee spoke to the butcher while activating Sedated Perception once again. The latter observed that she was getting more involved in his matter by the day. One of the reasons was that her soul recovery status was better than before.

But the butcher also felt that Alephee was trying to speed up his plans. As if the goals he wanted to achieve in this timeline weren't all that significant to her. So she was helping him in her own way to achieve them and be done with them once and for all.

The butcher thought that her level would always be characterized by that mindset. So he didn't bother making his thoughts known to Alephee and responded to her regarding the topic she had raised.

'What do you mean?'

Alephee clarified.

'Those three have been affected by your soul sense the way you had been affected by Eliza's. But they are not like you. So the level of fear they feel towards you is greater and more profound than what you had been feeling towards Eliza.

What I mean to say is you can ask them anything and they'll obey you within these few weeks until the residual effects of your soul sense get washed off. Even if they want to betray you, their subconscious mind will prevent them from doing so.

This is the power of the soul sense. Your soul sense. Soul branding will resonate with your wishes, causing those affected to bend to your will as a result. Unless they have a soul strong enough to resist the resonance that is.

Controlling others with a soul sense also had its adverse effects. So Eliza didn't dare to do something like that with you. But I don't think you need to worry about that.'

Alephee knew Tuan knew almost nothing about the soul sense. So she clarified a few things for him. The latter looked at the three opponents with keen eyes before asking Alephee another question.

'Power of the soul sense, you say? Do the powers of soul sense differ? Do they vary with each ranker?'

Alephee didn't take long to answer Tuan's question.

'The analytical powers of the soul sense are the same for all rankers. It's how they affect the world and people that makes them different. Your soul sense, for example, is influenced by your Sins series abilities currently.'

Alephée said and paused for a bit. This allowed Tuan to connect dots and look at Lily's team in a completely different light. The former continued soon afterward.

'Eren, you have to understand the fact that not everybody can awaken their soul sense. Some rankers can step into Sage rank and still not have the necessary qualifications to awaken their soul sense. A person's soul has nothing to do with their mana core or the state of their body.'

So when anybody awakens their soul sense, every aspect of it represents who they are and what they seek in their life. That's what enables them to affect the world and people around them through their soul sense.'

The butcher decided to trust Alephée's instructions and changed the demands he had from Lily's team.

"Hm. None of you would be able to win the tournament. That holds true even if you leave the game now or are allowed to stay. I hope that much is clear for all of you.

Still, staying in the game and receiving secondary gits shouldn't sound too bad to you either. What do you say?"

Tuan said with a light smile on her face. Lily was confused by what he was trying to say. She raised her query.

"What do you mean by that, Tuan?"

Tuan's light smile turned into an evil grin before he explained to them what he expected from them. To his surprise, he didn't have to tempt or scare the trio much.

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Lily's team agreed to Tuan's conditions unanimously without raising any sort of opposition. Although they wore disgruntled expressions on their faces, nobody dared to defy any of his wishes.

Lily asked Tuan what he had done to them. The latter smiled cunningly and said it was part of the effect his strategically placed array had brought forth. He also told them that the effect was illusion-spell based and hence temporary, lest they get swallowed up by negative feelings while suffering from the residual effects of his soul sense and become a nuisance for him instead.

Even though Lily found his reason to be not sitting right with her, the fact that she didn't know about the arrays and her weird emotional state when it came to Tuan prevented her from cross-questioning Tuan.

The butcher couldn't help but smile at the convenience of his soul sense setting off right when he was in the middle of a battle. Then he dismissed the trio after instructing them to stay in touch.

Tuan talked with Kat while hurrying to the safe area, finalizing the finer details. The latter also listened to his arrangements with keen interest as if he was her de-facto raid leader. The duo was preparing for the showdown that was approaching all of the rankers.

Needless to say, the remaining days of the competition were going to be interesting for competitors and their viewers alike.

#### Chapter 543 Clearing Monster Nests

On the sixth day of the Titus tournament.

The hunting area. High noon.

A man and a young woman were seen waiting outside a large mountain cave that was releasing mixed mana signatures in the surroundings. It was apparent that a large fight had taken place inside. Or it was still ongoing.

"Everything is set?"

Tuan asked Lily. She was serving as his raid partner for the raid arranged by him for today. This was the second last day of the tournament.

The original 32 participants had been reduced in number by the third day of the competition. Now only 13 competitors remained.

The ranking updates for the tournament had also been changed since the fifth day. Now, everybody could see the real-time ranking positions themselves as well as other competitors. Basically, the game was pushing the competitors to fight among themselves instead of just focusing on farming the Titus points by targeting the monster nests and mana beasts.

"Affirmative. Wilder is kiting the Adept ranked Goblin Lord right now. Katalina is trying to distract him with her best efforts using her aerial maneuverability.

Ketsu is also playing his role in making the monster confused and angry by firing sonic bullets at him. All of them are keeping a safe distance away from him. Plus, all that disturbance generated by us is preventing the monster from casting his spells."

Tuan nodded his head after hearing the report. She was being kept in the loop by Ketsu using his sound element spell. Like the Badlands, there were some monster caves in which the usual conversation tools wouldn't work.

But Ketsu's sound element spells were impervious to these effects. His spell output could be adjusted to take into account the fluctuations in mana in the monster nest surroundings. That's why he was able to keep his communication open with his partner during the raid.

Tuan scratched his beard that had been growing for six days and asked Lily while narrowing his eyes.

"I'm sensing a "but" in that report."

Lily smiled mirthlessly before replying.

"Yeah. All three of the rankers we have sent in are at their limits. They won't be able to help us once they draw out the Goblin Lord outside the cave."

Tuan wasn't surprised by her report. Although he had told the rankers with him that they would target the Adept rank monster, he knew their capabilities in executing certain tasks beforehand. He was hoping

Kat, Ketsu, and Wilder would be able to help him and Lily in their task after clearing the monster nest by themselves. But he was okay with them drawing away from the battle as well.

That's because he had already taken precautions.

'Should be right about now.'

Alephée said after scanning the monster nest with her soul sense. Hearing this, the butcher screamed out loud.

"Retreat!"

Lily watched as Tuan disappeared from his position. She too faded into existence after hearing his warning.

"Screeeeee!"

In the next moment, a goblin cry was heard by Tuan and Lily. The first to come out of the cave was Wilder. He was covered in his blood as well as monster blood. The expressions on his face and the way he executed his movement spell told Tuan that he was already using rage mode.

Among the first to come out of the cave were Kat and Ketsu. She was holding him by his hands as she used her flying artifact to keep both of them airborne. Ketsu looked exhausted after keeping the monster busy for so long. He was running on fumes now. Without Kat's support, he wouldn't have made it to the outside of the cave.

What followed them was a Goblin Lord wearing tribal armor. Unlike the regular goblins, he had black hair on his scalp tied into a ponytail. He was wearing gaudy earrings that made his earlobes stretch downwards.

The Goblin Lord was also wearing what looked like to be pants made of thick beastly skin. The front of his chest that wasn't covered by his armor featured runic tattoos. He was a 9-foot-tall monstrosity that was clutching his head as he chased the three intruders that had come to bug him.

'Disperse. And maintain vigilance. You don't have to fight anymore. But keep an eye out for other contestants targeting us or our kills.'

Tuan spoke into the group voice channel. Since everyone was out of the monster cave, ID communication could be used to communicate with each other.

Wilder, who had just come out of his rage state, looked exhausted. He wanted to crash at a nearby place. But he knew the fight with the Goblin Lord would get violent. He didn't want to become a nuisance to the guy who he feared more than the Goblin Lord at the time.

So Ketsu, Kat, and Wilder retreated into the distance following Tuan's orders. He had become the de facto leader of every raid they had made so far. And they were working non-stop to clear the most lucrative monster nests. So sticking to his orders came naturally to all of them by this point.

Plus, they had also targeted other contestants under Tuan's orders. There was no such thing as a rankers code in a competition this fierce. Tuan would target a couple of rankers with his whole group of five rankers including him. And overwhelm them with numbers.

If Layla was here, she would have objected to the butcher's way of dealing with these things. Because these acts were usually performed by antagonists in the stories she had read so far. The thing she hated the most was the fact that Eren had proved her books wrong many times. As opposed to the righteous side winning through sheer breakthroughs, the villainous side that the butcher was usually a part of almost always managed to win. This went opposite to her fairy tale logic.

It was no exception this time either.

"Screee!"

The monster screamed as he felt something had cut the tendons of the backs of his knees all of a sudden. He shouldn't have been hurt by the cut from the Ace Rank artifact. But since his natural defense was compromised due to his mental state as well as the fact that he was caught unaware, it made it easy for the hidden assassin to do the job she was assigned to do.

The monster was brought to his knees. He shook his head and slapped himself to bring his senses back to normal. Then he sensed an odd mana-pulse setting off around him.

'Now.'

Tuan thought to himself as he activated the array trap in which the monster was currently trapped.

Chapter 544 Dispatching Goblin Lord

'Now.'

Tuan thought to himself as he activated the array trap in which the monster was caught. The ground lit up and the distinct mana pulse intensified. In the next moment, a blinding orange-white light bloomed in the middle of the array.

Boom!

The terrorist had resorted to bombing an Adept-level monster this time. The trap had been set with almost all his potion bombs set in a series together so that they would generate a blast powerful enough to affect an Adept-level monster. The array was supposed to keep the potion bombs hidden from the monster's mana sense as well as intensify the explosion's effects a level further.

"Screeeeee!"

The monster's scream announced to Tuan and the rest that he was still alive and kicking. But he was in extreme pain. And his ability to cast spells was again compromised.

"Screeeeee!"

Another monster scream followed the previous one in a short while. This was in response to Tuan's series of flying attacks that he had sent at the monster while he was still surrounded by clouds of flame and smoke.

Tuan didn't want to give the monster any rest. He was also worried about getting ambushed by other rankers while they were busy finishing the raid. Thus he hastened the process of killing the Goblin Lord.



He disappeared from his position and appeared close to ground zero before throwing the remaining vials of potion bombs he had.

Lily watched Tuan opt for the overkill yet again. She sighed and stopped in her tracks. The assassin gripped the space-element dagger given to her by Tuan hard before going back the same way she had come from. The dagger's unique properties were another reason she was able to hurt an Adept-level monster.

"Screeee!"

The monster jumped in the air with his remaining strength. The injury on his legs worsened as a result. But he didn't seem to care. Upon getting airborne, he started looking at the intruders who had dared to fight with him on his home turf.

The monster launched his body in Tuan's direction with a wild expression on his face after sensing he was the leader of the intruders. He also drew out his large Dodao and slashed it at his newfound target.

Stunning Speed

Sedated Perception

Fire Steps

Fire Wings

Tuan managed to free himself from the flying slash as he became airborne too. Then he used his Hatchlings of the Flame spell to create a lasso of fire snakes. He sent it in the monster's direction, hoping the assassin in his raid team would get the hint.

Lily was already prepared for something like this. She appeared like a ghost behind the Goblin Lord and made a stabbing attack on the monster's chest where his heart was located.

By now, the monster had come to realize that there was a hidden enemy that he couldn't see. He had also sensed there was an attack incoming for his heart. That's why he fortified his natural defense and swung his Dodao behind him.

And yet, the space-element artifact worked its magic. It didn't have to pierce through the armor or the monster's natural defense layer. Its tip disappeared into the fabric of space and appeared right when the dagger was driven deep inside the monster's heart. The tip of the dagger was now visible from the other side of the monster's chest.

The monster was shocked and enraged. But he didn't scream this time. He knew what had happened to him even before he looked down to see the effects of his enemy's attack. He grunted in pain before deciding to launch a counterattack.

Lily was engulfed by the mana signature released by the Adept level monster when he was fighting for his life. Her stomach was almost going to be cut in two by the direct slash. But then she felt something gripping her legs by her ankles. She felt a strong pull coming from that harness before her body was dragged downwards towards the ground.

Tuan had managed to secure Lily just before she was about to be harmed by the monster. She was brought down towards him at breakneck speed due to his vigorous pull. The young assassin was swiftly caught in a princess carry. But before she could savor the moment, Lily was thrown behind Tuan's back. The guy disappeared from his position right afterward.

Swoosh!

Just when the monster thought his situation couldn't get any worse, Tuan launched his meteor-like attack on him. At that time, the monster was just a few meters away from landing on the ground. Since he was airborne, he couldn't find a footing he could use to maneuver his way out of the attack's trajectory.

Thud!

The monster's body crashed to the ground with a loud thud when it was forcefully accelerated by Tuan's meteor-like attack. Suddenly, a series of Invi Blaze attacks was released from the sword set.

Another crater appeared in which another flame flower bloomed. Before the monster could make another scream, his head was decapitated by Tuan who now looked like he wasn't satisfied with chopping only one head.

Unbeknownst to the butcher, his soul sense was still manifesting in many ways. It was still in its early stages. The out-of-body experience he was used to feeling was not the only effect of the signs that were associated with the soul sense awakening.

The butcher's importance had been raised to an irrational level in the minds of those who had been affected by his soul sense right after he killed the Adept level monster. It was as if killing opponents stronger than he gave him the emotional boost he needed to bolster his soul sense. His soul would forever record the experience of such a kill.

Tuan's raid mates felt that they needed to do everything in their power to make his wishes become reality. Even now, after killing the Adept ranker, instead of being relieved that the fight was over, they felt his bloodlust for more such kills.

Tuan calmed down shortly afterward and looked at his work. The monster's body started disintegrating. The residue of monster blood on Kat, Ketsu, and Wilder also started disappearing as it too was something that was generated by the array.

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Chapter 545 Bianka, Ray, and Silvera

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Tuan accessed the spectral screen of his wristband and checked the rankings.

1st Place- William Shank- 149,8965 Titus Points

2nd Place- Drin Dawn- 148,4543 Titus Points

3rd Place- Tim Westmoor- 115,127 Titus Points

4th Place- Katalina Reich- 99,643 Titus Points

5th Place- Bianka Bluedust- 73,897 Titus Points

6th Place- Lily Geist 42,565 Titus Points

7th Place- Ray Rinehart- 36,583 Titus Points

8th Place- Langdon Lark- 34,589 Titus Points

9th Place- Silvera Rehrook- 31,356 Titus Points

10th Place- Tuan Aag- 28,548 Titus Points

11th Place- Wayne Wilder- 26,464 Titus Points

12th Place- Reva Sunstar- 21,665 Titus Points

13th Place- Ketsu Hasu- 19,033 Titus Points

'Hmm. The first three places in the ranking have become ridiculously out of reach for other rankers. I hope my plan works.'

Tuan thought to himself as he noted the rankings of the competitors along with their respective Titus points. Since Ketsu didn't perform well during these days, he was placed last in the ranking. He was heavily injured by Wilder's attack so he couldn't help it.

'Heads up. Someone's coming.'

Aleph She was the first to sense an external presence heading Tuan's way. The second was Katalina who was looking outward from their battleground. She wasn't surprised by the discovery because of the warnings given to them by Tuan. The close combat expert informed all her raid partners shortly afterward.

'Gather up. Draw your weapons.'

Tuan gave simple instructions which his raid members followed immediately. As soon as they did, they noticed a group of rankers had appeared a few meters away from them. For some reason, this new group was maintaining a safe distance from Tuan's group.

This was a group of three people. It contained two ladies and one male ranker.

The male ranker seemed like a ranger from his presence. But he had a massive, muscular build that was not ranger-like. His dark brown hair was let loose, giving him a clumsy yet handsome appearance. And yet compared to his gigantic, masculine body, his face was relatively small and cute to look at. His face looked like it had been placed on the wrong body.

This ranger-like man carried a thick crossbow in both his arms, as if ready to shoot at a moment's notice. A serious expression was on his face and it appeared he was pondering something.

This man's name was Ray Rinehart. 7th place holder in the Titus competition. He excelled in both ranger-specific skills as well as a few close combat skills because of his special class.

Ray Rinehart was a Horde Breaker. It was a class made by the fusion of two classes, one of which was a ranger class. Taking this class had allowed him to slay multiple monsters in monster nests and clear out such places with relative ease.

The second ranker that was part of the group that had arrived at the scene was Silvera Rehrook. She was a pretty elf that looked to be in her early 20s. She had silver hair, pale white skin, azure eyes, and a small nose. Her elvish ears added extra charm to her beauty.

Silvera seemed to have a petite build due to her cleric class. But nobody would underestimate her anymore. The remaining competitors had to be more special than usual.

The group was led by a buxom lady standing at the front. She looked to be in her mid-30s. She had voluminous black hair that grew past shoulder length. Her skin looked petite and had a soft pinkish hue. Her pretty face was as alluring as her light blue eyes.

This lady had a relatively tall stature that boded well with her hourglass figure. Her legs were slender and had a creamy texture to them as if they had been carved out of a white marble slab. Her ample bust and pear-shaped posterior added another level of allure to her seductive stride.

She walked ahead for a few more steps before stopping abruptly. She cleared her voice before looking at Tuan. The lady narrowed her eyes before addressing him.

"Hello, my Name's Bianka. Tuan, you are the leader of this group right?"

Bianka said and looked at all the other rankers that were with Tuan, surrounding him. She smirked at that sight before continuing.

"We have kept our tabs on you guys. You all look tired and weak.

Hehehe! Perfect timing I'd say.

I won't beat around the bush. Hand over your wristbands. There's no shame in getting kicked out of the competition on the sixth day. Do this, and you will exit out of this tournament without losing face."

Bianka replied and released her mana signature. Her two companions did the same, telling their opponent that they were ready to battle anytime they wanted.

Tuan was expecting intruders like this so he didn't reply with words. He released his mana sense and activated all the nearby arrays in the region that were in his control. Even the ground on which Bianka and her team stood had just been covered by an array that had just lit up.

A series of distinct mana pulses was felt by all the rankers in the vicinity as the dormant arrays were activated by the butcher at that time. Various patches of the ground were lit up in array format in the region. Some gave out faint illuminance. Others were extra bright. Finding the way out of the region without stepping on any of them was near impossible.

"This entire region is rigged by me, Miss Bianka. Only I know the exit through this maze of array-landmines. Call me a pessimist if you will, but I have always suffered from fate's hands. So now I like to stay prepared in case it thinks I'm still easy prey."

Tuan said and looked at Bianka's other two raid partners briefly. He focused on Ray while adding more.

"You came at the most appropriate moment after we had defeated the Adept level ranker. That's not a coincidence, is it?"

You must have seen what my array can do from afar. You have tried to maintain a safe distance from me even now because of that array trap.

Tuan returned Bianka's smirk with a smirk of his own before adding in the end.

"Tell me, Miss Bianka. Would you like to play with me in a game I like to call Who Gets Bombed First?"

Chapter 546 Hoodwink

"Tell me, would you like to play with me in a game I like to call Who Gets Bombed First?"

Tuan said while folding his hand behind his back. His gaze told the hyenas that had come to feed on the free meat that they would have to pay a steep price for their aggression.

'Ray, you saw his fight from afar. What do you think?'

As Bianka heightened her vigilance against Tuan, she asked Ray. She had come to realize that what she had considered being a broken man hurt by his wife's betrayal was actually exceptionally cunning.

Bianka was after Katalina's Titus Points. Securing that many points would make this sneaky attack worthwhile. But she needed to assess the risk before attacking Tuan's group and targeting Kat.

'Sigh. Yes, I saw him take care of that monster. To be honest, we underestimated him, Bianka.'

The last array trap he had used was enough to incapacitate an Adept ranker. Even if all of us are in the solid stage of the Ace rank, we would be mortally injured if we got caught in his landmines.'

Ray spoke in voice communication while maintaining a stoic face. Silvera heard his response and added on.

'But what if he is bluffing? These array traps are weird. I don't think they are used by our generation of array masters. So it is difficult to gauge or analyze them. What if that guy is banking on this peculiarity of array traps? What if some of the array traps are duds?'

One had to admit that an elf's sensitivity to everything related to mana was exceptional. Silvera quickly identified that the array traps Tuan was using belonged to the previous generation. Because there were several generations of layouts and templates, she couldn't identify which era they belonged to. And the study of arrays was as profound as mana itself.

Ray shook his head and replied to Silvera in a serious voice.

'Even if he is bluffing, do you dare to take chances with array traps that can take down an Adept ranked entity? I sure as hell won't follow you in testing his bluff.'

Bianka didn't say a word. But she was listening to everything both of her raid partners talked about. She also agreed with Ray's judgment and decided to pull back.

"You got yourself another day, Tuan. Congratulations! Hehehehe! Enjoy this last day of peace. We'll come for all of you tomorrow."

Bianka replied and retreated in the direction she came from. Her raid partners looked at Tuan and his group for a brief moment before following her example.

Katalina and the rest took a sigh of relief after some time when there was no sign of anyone approaching them. This was a much-needed breather. Nobody could afford a second battle with competitors after clearing a monster nest that had an Adept-level Goblin Lord as its leader.

"When did you plant so many array traps? Are you... array master or something?"

Lily asked while being impressed with Tuan. She had thought that she would either have to fight for her life or run for her life to compete. But thanks to Tuan's stare down, the opponents had retreated without any sign of battle. This was a miracle because it was the 6th day of the tournament.

"Array traps? Um... they were all empty threats. Just the layouts I had inscribed on scrolls before planting them in the ground. This is not my first time fooling rankers with duds, Lily. And it certainly won't be the last either."

Tuan said and detonated all the array traps at once. And as he had said, no explosion occurred anywhere. Silvera had assumed that some of the array traps were duds. Whereas, all of Tuan's array traps were duds. He had averted the biggest crisis of the competition by hoodwinking Bianka's team.

Katalina was the first to start laughing like a maniac after she realized what Tuan had done. The rest followed his lead and started laughing too. Tuan smirked before telling everyone that they needed to get into the safe zone, lest they all get caught for their bluff.

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"What... What is this place?" . com

Katalina asked while wondering about the location Tuan had found for both of them. They had entered a ruined building that was supposed to be hidden from competitors and organizers alike. But thanks to Alephee, Tuan had somehow found access to spatial distortion that compressed the space before expanding it inside another subspace.

According to Alephee, this area was completely free of any prying eyes watching over them. Katalina was assured by Tuan that they would not be watched by anyone outside the subspace.

This place was a giant library that had no books but only bookshelves. There were giant study tables and chairs. But they were all covered in dust.

Surprisingly, this library hall didn't look as damaged as the rest of the competition site. There were indeed signs of wear and tear. But those signs of decay were not prominent enough to be called part of the ghost city into which they were summoned.

A huge chandelier hung from the ceiling of the library's hall. Somehow the moonlight was still peeking through the giant gallery-like windows.

When Katalina peeked through the windows, she saw a shattered mirror-like sky and the surroundings that reflected the ruined building. When she looked up, she saw many moons that acted as the light source. All of them produced bright moonlight, but when it came down, it was severely lacking. As that moonlight was somehow lost in its way to light up this place the way it should be.

As illiterate in the field of arrays, as she was, Katalina concluded that this snow-globe-like space was an anomaly within the ghost city. She was now sure that the organizers wouldn't be able to see them. Because they wouldn't have let this place exist in the first place had they known about it.

Tuan concluded that he needed to activate the array layout that had the chandelier in the middle of its eye. So he extended his mana sense and did exactly that.

The chandelier came to life and started producing a pleasant glow. The giant library hall lit up and breathed new life into the gloomy atmosphere.

"Ummm... I was just looking for clues regarding another safe drop location and came to find this. Frankly, I don't want to know about the place. Some mysteries are better left to the imagination.

Most of those who chase after solving such mysteries end up becoming part of them."

#### Chapter 547 Inside the Spatially Distorted Space

"Most of those who chase after solving those mysteries end up becoming part of them."

Tuan said while looking at the scene in front of him with a hint of curiosity in his eyes. He thought of exploring the place a bit and immediately followed up on that thought. No matter how much he didn't wish to know about the place, he had to inspect his surroundings first.

Alephée used her soul sense again to scan the place. It was she who discovered the place and the way to enter it. She had told Tuan that the place was an anomaly created by the overlay of many spatial arrays and runes overlapping over one another.

It couldn't be found with mana sense because it would react with anything in spatial distortion. Since there was no way to find or scan it, it could not be fixed. Only something like a soul sense would allow the array master or someone who was in charge of isolating the space to detect this place.

'Hmm. Eren, you should check this out.'

Alephée said to Tuan before directing him towards a peculiar bookshelf that seemed all empty. Upon hearing his partner's instructions, Tuan didn't hesitate and destroyed the bookshelf with his fireball spell.

Katalina was stunned when Tuan suddenly started casting an offensive spell. But she didn't disturb him and instead thought of adopting the wait-and-watch approach. After all, he was the one who had found the place. That was enough of a reason for her to trust his antics like these.

When the huge bookshelf was destroyed and its debris was blasted elsewhere, it revealed another spatial distortion, this time on the ground on which the bookshelf was on. Now it looked like a mercury-

like substance was serving as the base for the bookshelf that had stood at the same place for who knows when.

Tuan didn't hesitate and dipped his hands into the mercury-like substance. It was surprising to discover how quickly he sank into the ground without any opposition.

When he retrieved his arms, he was holding something in his hand. After retrieving it, he placed it on solid ground and dipped his hand inside the mercury-like surface only to take out another item of the same kind.

Tuan started retrieving a bunch of old books that couldn't be found by normal means.

Even Kat was stunned by his discovery. She was too stunned to react at first. But then she picked one of the retrieved books up and analyzed it with her mana sense.

"What is this junk, Tuan? This is unreadable."

Kat put her just-picked-up book down in disappointment, registering her displeasure. Then she picked another one before putting that down too.

'That's why academy education is so crucial.'

Tuan sighed and muttered in his head. But he didn't stop what he was doing and kept on retrieving more space from the spatial distortion.

When he finished, he had retrieved 24 books in total. Only then did he start picking up the books and checking them.

'Hmm. Same problem with the language. I'll need some time to decipher them. But it can be done. At least a portion of each book can be recovered.'

Tuan thought of decoding a single portion of each book whenever he had time to do so. This way, he could get a preview of the content each book would have. Then he could prioritize a particular book that might have the most relevant content for him.

"Um... maybe I'll find something about these books when we get out of the subspace. Don't bother with these findings too much. This was an unexpected gain, to be honest. Not the main reason why I had brought you here."

Tuan flashed his cheeky smile at Kat after he said that. The latter knew what he was talking about. Yet she decided to act clueless.

"Oh? What other reason might there be?"

Tuan stepped closer to her and brought his face closer to her before whispering into her ears.

"Why, of course... I brought you here so we could..."

Tuan paused for a moment and observed Kat's reactions. He chuckled when he saw some traces of excitement in her eyes before continuing.



"So we could fight in peace. Away from the spectators, far from any of the competitors. Away from the competition itself."

Kat had a blank expression on her face when Tuan voiced what he had in his mind. Now she regretted acting dumb. She could have avoided the whole tease. But her fake ignorance was now coming back to bite her in the rear.

Tuan understood what was going on in Kat's head at the time. Previously, he had only thought of teasing her. But now that he had proposed a duel, he genuinely wanted to test out his battle skills. Especially against a fellow close combat expert and see if he could learn a thing or two from them. Or polish his style by looking at how others from the same class as his fight.

Of course, Tuan wanted to get intimate with Kat as well. He was the one who had been provoking her about it during these days, making her crave intimacy. But the night was young. There was no need to rush.

Tuan pulled Kat into his embrace and caressed her back before continuing what he was saying.

"I know what you are thinking, Kat. But we have time for that. Meanwhile, why not prepare ourselves for tomorrow's event?"

Two close combat experts battling with each other without using any weapons or spells. Only relying on their techniques to face each other.

How does that sound?"

Katalina found the idea to be logical after she thought about it. She returned Tuan's embrace with an embrace of her own before pulling away from him. She then stated what she had in mind.

"We can fight the way you want us to, Tuan. However, there is no room for pulling any punches. Is that okay?"

Katalina said smilingly and hammered her fist into her open palms. She seemed pumped to beat his ass for some reason. Tuan chuckled before answering.

"I'm just glad that you think I have enough leverage over you for me to hold back against you."

Tuan said with a mirthless smile on his face and shrugged his shoulders. Katalina smirked at Tuan's sentence before stepping away from her previous position. Tuan also did the same and looked at his opponent.

In the next moment, the two close combat experts were seen battling. They both had stopped using their mana circuits, making them fight like mortals. Without the use of the mana, spells, or weapons, the battle was solely carried out with the technique both of the rankers had.

The butcher was using the technique Marla had taught him in the timeline. But unlike the original, he was adding his own moves to it. He was creating his own style that could accommodate various types of weapons as well as weaponless fighting.

Chapter 548 [Bonus] Kisses and Hickeys

Katalina was breathing hard. The sweat on her forehead was dripping down her cheeks.

But she was enjoying her battle with Tuan. She felt that she was getting back to basics after what seemed like a very long time.

In the library hall, two rankers fought like they were rankless. Tuan too was taking long breaths while his body sweated all over. They had been dueling for about half an hour by this point.

"You... haah... you swing too late and your counterattacking style is clumsy, Kat. Don't try to pull away from your opponent while launching a counterattack even when your instinct tells you otherwise. At least not always. Because that takes away half the power you could place on that attack.

That's what happened when you fought against Ketsu, right? You would have dealt even more damage to him had you pressed on with the advantage you gained.

Remember, there are no do-overs in a real fight. Decide when to take on the offensive at the right time. Draw them in. And then bam..."

Tuan threw a punch in the air while highlighting the errors he had found in Katalina's fighting style. The latter took that with an open mind and had something to say to her sparring partner too.

"Tuan... you are... \*long breaths\* an exceptional close combat fighter. But you think too much about creating a loophole in your defense to set up a counter. Don't you think the loopholes in your defense should appear naturally?"

Tuan wanted to say that allowing the loopholes to occur naturally would not give him an advantage. That's because its very definition meant that he wouldn't be ready for counterattacks. But then he decided to be a considerate listener and allowed Kat to finish what she was saying.

"I... I know what you are thinking. But hear me out, Tuan.

After fighting with you for a while, the opponents would come to know what you were up to. Even if they could fall for the same trick twice or thrice. There would always be a limit. And you would lose an advantage you could count on soon."

This was another no-brainer for Eren. But he also realized that Katalina was trying to tell him something that she couldn't correctly frame. So he kept his mouth shut and let her elaborate on her idea.

"You told me about the switch of sanity and how to take control of it. But why should it have to be a one-way switch? We can act aggressively for a certain period and then switch back to being cautious the next moment."

Aggression for a close combat expert was letting the enemy come into their striking zone or forcing their way into the enemy's defense. Then, you can attack the opponent while not prioritizing the defense. As a result, close combat specialists become fearsome enemies of most rankers, if and when they both are in each other's striking range.

But as a consequence, close combat experts also ran the risk of getting heavily injured if and when their strike is blocked or diverted. Or if the ranker they are targeting is supported by other rankers with support-type spells.

The close combat expert being cautious was the opposite of what being aggressive was all about. This style would be used when they were low on mana storage or when they waited for someone in their team to provide them with a cover. In this battle style, the close combat experts would strike their opponent only when they noticed a weakness in defense that would eventually be revealed if they waited.

Katalina's advice was so simple that Tuan had overlooked it. He had indeed switched between these styles when the situation demanded him to do so. But they were not conscious efforts. He would usually operate on autopilot when battling with his opponents. And that usually gave him the advantage he sought.

But what happens when his opponent has better technique than yours? Or if his opponent's perception can keep up with or even surpass his own? At that time, something unexpected like breaking the flow of his battle style might give him the chance to have one up on his opponents.

This advice had the potential to make the butcher's close combat attacks even more unpredictable than they normally were. He just needed to make deliberate efforts, sometimes battling against his instincts to follow up upon an attack.

Tuan smirked at Katalina before gesturing to her to come at him. The latter took a few deep breaths before launching herself at Tuan.

Another round of mock close combat battle occurred that didn't seem like it was mock spar at all. Both of the rankers gave their all while incorporating the suggestions given to them. As a result, both of their attacks became more refined than they were.

Even subtle improvements in close combat techniques would be augmented by mana and spells to a whole new level. This could be a decisive factor between a win and loss when battling against an opponent who was equally capable as you, or maybe more.

They both realized that Tuan had the upper hand in mana-less close combat. Just when Kat thought there would be another round in such a fruitful spar, she was again shocked by Tuan's abrupt actions. As if the guy was a firm believer in never letting anybody know about his next move.

Tuan suddenly used his mana and mana circuits to execute his movement spell. The next thing Kat knew, she was pinned down against a wall with her hands raised above her head in an X formation. Tuan had used one hand to pin her this way. While with the other, he was caressing her waist.

Tuan brought his face closer to Katalina and said to her in a low voice that she felt only she could hear.

"The advice you gave was really helpful, Katalina. Let me... thank you for that."

Tuan planted his lips over Kat's when he said that in his hushed voice. The latter responded to the kiss by opening her mouth and allowing his tongue to roam inside it.

"Hmmmmm."

Katalina moaned and released her hands from Tuan's grip. She then used them to hug him more tightly, pulling him closer to her. All her pent-up desires that Tuan was invoking in her in these few days found a vent. And out they poured.

Tuan was wearing a loose-fitting sleeveless jacket to cover his torso. Katalina found it easy to get rid of it. She ran her fingers all over his abs and chest. Then she used her own moves to flip their positions.

Now Tuan was leaning against the wall while Kat was savoring him to her fullest. She raised her toes and kissed him some more before moving her march down south. Tuan felt his neck region being smothered with kisses and hickeys at once.

'Oooh! She bites. She's like a cute kitten hungry for some milk.'

Tuan chuckled and caressed Kat's hair while allowing her to do what she wanted. The butcher inhaled her jasmine-like aroma coming from her body and hair, which soothed his mind and aroused him at the same time.

Katalina got engrossed in the act and started licking and kissing Tuan all over his torso. His musky scent made her more ecstatic by the moment.

Tuan was gearing up to activate the Mist of Lust. He was going to reveal the real him to her once she gets branded. So that he can let her in on the plan he had hatched.

Chapter 549 A "Job" Like No Other\*

Tuan's pants were ripped to shreds.

Katalina used her wind-element blades to get rid of his clothes. The butcher sighed when Katalina did that. He thought he could use those pants some more. They had reusable value in his eyes. But alas, a woman in heat doesn't care about her or her partner's clothes. At least Katalina didn't.

"This... you are packing quite a tool, Tuan. I thought..."

Katalina got on her knees while Tuan was leaning against the wall in leisure. He was now completely naked and full of confidence. And Katalina could understand why. She was stroking his 8incher with her hands while commenting.

The latter smiled when he understood Kat's implications. He chuckled before responding.

"You thought my wife Tista must have left me because of my small package. Let's just say that she never really got to enjoy MY dick to its fullest. Hehehe!

Now... Enough talk. Use your mouth for something more interesting."

Tuan said, grabbing Kat's head with both hands before bringing it closer to his crotch. The latter had just opened her mouth to talk when she received Tuan's not-so-little guy inside it all of a sudden. Her gag reflex kicked in. but Tuan was ready. He had already coated his dick in mana. So there was no fear of Kat accidentally biting on it.

But she still suffered a cough and her eyes turned watery because of Tuan's literal dick move. The wind-element ranker looked at Tuan with puppy eyes. The butcher smiled casually and caressed her hair before commenting.

"It's your fault for making me remember Tista. Hehe. Let's start over."

Tuan said while patting Kat's cheeks. It looked like Kat wanted to say something. But now was not the time. Because Tuan had started moving his hips and driving his dick in and out of Kat's mouth.

Kat slapped both of Tuan's hands away in a show of her anger. She didn't back away from giving him a head though. She ran her fingers through her hair and tied it up in a ponytail.

'This woman is on a mission to give a magnificent head. I'm rooting for you, Kat.'

Tuan cheered for Kat in his mind as she geared up for her job. He stopped moving his hips and let her work on his dick.

Katalina started fondling Tuan's balls while working on the tip of Tuan's dick with her tongue. She then started her depththroats while creating suction with her mouth. She would tickle Tuan's balls with every swallow of the dick. Her tongue worked its magic inside her mouth.

She traced bulging veins on Tuan's dick with the tip of her tongue. After a few strokes, she would take his dick out and use her spit as lube.

Tuan thought he should aid Kat. Because helping her was helping him. He took out the half-finished bottle of Frostfoam he had saved for himself. He then offered it to Kat, who snatched it from his hands.

"Hmph! You said you ran out of this stuff."

Kat said while flaring her nose. Tuan liked her angry way of giving blowjobs. He chuckled once more before adding up.

"I have. Can't you see it's half-finished? I offer you my share and you still act as if it's my fault. Women never seem to understand me. They don't care about the sacrifices I make for them. Sigh!"

Tuan's face was sad as he spoke. His voice also started sounding downcast. Kat's heart moved a bit. Almost all the content inside the bottle was consumed by her as she drank from it.

She was about to offer Tuan the last sip of the drink. After receiving "I'm good" from him, she didn't hesitate to finish the alcohol.

When Kat took Tuan's dick in her mouth again, the latter felt like he was jamming it inside a chamber of ice. It struggled to stay erect because of the chill that ran through it.

This was the effect of Frostform that Tuan's dick was subjected to inadvertently because Kat had just drunk it. His mana core was also spurred because of the indirect contact with the elven ale like this.

'I would have had to close my shop now if I didn't have complete control over my dick. This lass doesn't even know what she just did.

Then again, I was the one who offered the booze to her. So it's basically my fault. Sigh.'

Tuan thought and sighed to himself before having another thought as he watched Kat suck his little guy with passion.

'Still, this is a blowjob like no other. Heh! A man should welcome novelty with open arms.'

The butcher smiled to himself after concluding his chain of thoughts. Meanwhile, he let Kat work on his rod. Since he didn't have to do anything, he entertained himself by having random thoughts. Then he closed his eyes and made his mind blank to completely enjoy Kat's head.

Katalina was so lost in doing her "job" that she didn't even check up on Eren looking up.

Her diligent work soon showed its results after a while. The butcher nugged deep inside her mouth after he thoroughly enjoyed his first-ever Frostfoam-induced, chilled blowjob.

"Here. Drink this Darwen ale named Bardora's Brew. It's not as addictive as Frostfoam. But I don't think you'd mind having it."

Tuan retrieved another bottle from his storage. The runic patterns over the bottle told Kat that it was still undergoing mana imbibition. This was a unique way of brewing that the dwarfs were known for.

Elves focused on the way of the elements in the brewing process while the dwarfs let the world's mana decide the flavor and effect of the booze they brewed. Obviously, the runic patterns ensured that no harmful concoction could be created. But apart from that, everything about the dwarf ale was almost always a wild game of luck. That was unless some dwarf families decided to stick with brewing a particular kind.

Katalina uncorked the bottle and took the first sip with wariness in her eyes. Upon discovering that the taste and effect of the alcohol were mild and bearable, her expressions eased.

She stood up next and started walking towards the library's window with the booze in one hand. On the other hand, she gestured to her partner to follow her with a seductive smile on her face.

Her long legs and her creamy thighs were a sight for Tuan's sore eyes. Her buttcheeks moved rhythmically, tempting him to ravage them the first time he got them.

Katalina drank from the bottle as she reached the window. She then placed the bottle on the window's ledge before tilting forward. Her buns popped behind her back— the moonlight bouncing off of the surface of her mushy tush.

"What are you waiting for?"

Katalina turned back and looked at Tuan while maintaining that position. The latter smirked at her before standing behind her.

Around Katalina, the near-stagnant wind seemed to have come alive. Her jasmine scent was diffusing in the air. But that scent now carried hints of sexual aroma created by her pussy juices. Tuan inhaled the air around Katalina and found it invigorating.

The butcher grabbed the bottle of booze that was being placed on the window's ledge and drank from it. He tasted the ale and found that it had a woody flavor to it along with a dash of lemon zest. It spurred his mana and revitalized his body while giving him goosebumps as a side effect. Apparently, the runic patterns infused the booze with earth-element mana in a unique way.

Tuan caressed Katalina's buttcheeks with his hands and could feel the dwarven ale's effects had affected her too. He could feel her light goosebumps as he stroked those plump cheeks. The micro hair follicles on her skin reacted to his touch and made their presence known.

Katalina's ass was as soft as the cloud. Her creamy and supple skin turned rosy as he squeezed her buns to his heart's content.

"This ass is mine now."

Tuan mumbled to himself before bringing the tip of his dick near Kat's dripping wet vaginal entrance. As it penetrated, he activated his Sins series ability.

Mark of the Seven Sins: Mist of Lust!

Chapter 550 Kat Conquest\*

Mark of the Seven Sins: Mist of Lust!

The butcher used his ability on Katalina without any hesitation.

At first, Katalina didn't like that Tuan just inserted his dick inside without exciting her pussy from behind. But soon she came to know why. He didn't have to take the traditional route because she could feel the waves of ecstasy start hitting her as soon as Tuan's rod reached deep inside her.

"Aaaaaah! Tuan... you...."

Katalina grabbed hold of the window's ledge while still bending forward. As Tuan started to drive his rod inside out, she felt that most of her pleasure points were getting activated all at once. She looked outside the window and saw that there were many reflections from the same window.

"Aaaaaah... Aaaaah... Aaaaah!"

Katalina heard a familiar voice - her own. After hearing her own voice, she realized she was being taken into a world of pleasure she had never experienced before.

She could see Tuan and her doing the deed in the reflections that could be seen because of the distorted space's uniqueness. She could see the expressions of lust written on her face. She could see Tuan ramming her pussy from behind as he enjoyed the dwarven ale.

Tap! Tap! Tap!

Slap!

Tuan would also slap her buns from time to time. But instead of objecting to it, she found the act to be delightful and welcomed it by spreading her legs some more.

While he remained committed to his mission, Tuan kept the unopened bottle of dwarven ale inside his storage room after corking it. He then reached for Kat's clit from behind and started to excite it with his brisk fingers.

"Aaaaaah.... Tuan... harder... go harder...."

Kat urged Tuan to become more violent with her. The Mist of Lust was adding fuel to the fire. The originator of the mist didn't need to be told twice. He gripped Kat's hips from either side with both hands before increasing his speed and force. He also tweaked his dick's height and girth a bit and stretched her pussy walls some more.

Katalina's mind became blank after a few such thrusts she received from her partner. Her eyes rolled back and she lost all her strength in her legs. If Tuan hadn't held her hips with his hands, she would have fallen to her knees.

"Haaaaah! Haaaaa! Haaaaaa!"

Tuan didn't stop humping Kat even when she had cummed. She wanted a breather. But for some reason, she was still excited to get more of his dick even though she was tired.

As she received those vigorous thrusts from Tuan, Katalina looked in front of her to see a familiar scene. But instead of Tuan, there was another man in his place fucking her like nobody's business.

Again, for some reason, she didn't feel surprised or repulsed. She felt that she belonged to this man, and only to this man. The wind-element user found it surprising that she could have such feelings for a stranger.

"Tu... no... my... aaaah... my lord.... Who are you?"

Katalina asked while enjoying the butcher's dick. She extended one of her hands behind her to be grabbed by her Lord. And the latter did so while increasing the intensity behind his thrusts a little more.

"Call me Eren. Eren Idril. It's a... Haaah!"

The waves of ecstasy didn't only affect Kat. Eren felt that all his stress was getting washed away in those waves as well as he enjoyed Katalina's wet and warm cunt.

He groaned in pleasure before finishing his greeting to his ally he could count on from now on.

"It's a pleasure to meet you in my original form, Katalina Reich. Let's have this night to ourselves before we talk about the competition."

Eren said as he regained his composure.

"Ye.... Yesssssss... my lo... Eren."

Eren brought Kat from her bent position and made her close the distance between her back and the front of his torso. He then lifted one of her legs with his hands and thrust his rod deeper inside her.

Kat clutched onto the hand that kept one of her legs from touching the ground. With the other hand, she grabbed Tuan's neck and rested all her weight on his chest.

The butcher played with her bouncing jugs some more. And just when he felt her pussy walls contracting around his rod, he pinched her right nipple with his hand while providing her with a power-packed insertion from behind.

"Aaaaaaaaaah!"

Kat's pussy squirted loads of love juices as she felt her remaining bit of strength getting drained from her. Tuan released her leg before swiftly lifting her in a princess carry.

'Hmm. Ladies are drained a lot by the Mist of Lust. Only higher ranked entities than me can sustain the effects and carry on without external assistance.'



Eren compared all his experiences with various ladies while he activated the Sins series abilities. Sharog could keep up with him even after being branded though he hadn't taken any precautions to not change her personality. But the same could not be said about the two orc assistants she had. Therefore, he concluded that his partners' ranks played a substantial role in sustaining the aftereffects of his Sin of Lust.

"Eren... will... will you allow me to stay with you?"

Katalina asked with some concern in her eyes. Her facial expressions were filled with signs of exhaustion. But her eyes showed that she was also a bit worried. Her voice was coated in insecurities she didn't know she would have after tonight.

Eren smiled at her mildly before putting her over one of the large reading desks the library hall featured. He caressed her cheek first. Then she pinched her nose in amusement.

The butcher took out an all-stats recovery potion from his storage and offered it to her before commenting.

"Indeed, Kat. I'll tell you all about it. But don't you want to continue with our union a bit longer?"

Kat smiled cheerfully after hearing Eren's assurance. She felt that no part of her wanted to stay away from Eren, whom she began to call her master in her mind. She grabbed hold of the vial that was offered to her before drinking the contents inside.

Just like Dianna, Katalina had also come to realize that something had happened to her. And just like her, she too felt glad that it did.

A new vigor was poured into Katalina's body as her mana core and her mana circuits were nourished and stimulated. A pulse of wind-element mana was released from her body, indicating she was as ready to begin as she could be.

"Yes, Eren. I'm all yours, for tonight and forever."

Said Katalina before pulling Eren on top of her. She planted a passionate kiss on his lips as she stroked his dick with her hands.

She could now understand all of Eren's intentions perfectly. Therefore, she braced herself and found joy in knowing that she would have all of his attention till dawn.

Unbeknownst to them, chaos was brewing outside the distorted space. The Titus competition had entered its final phase even before the dawn of the 7th day arrived.